SHOWER AT MILLINGTON FOR MISS CLARK

The many friends of Miss Mildred Clark, of Millington, who will be married during the early spring to Lester Kauffman, gave her a delightful variety shower at the home of her aunt, Miss Marie Vansant, Millington, Thursday evening.

The home was attractively decorated with pink and green, and shaded lights, and the guests included: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Duling, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Higman, Mr. and Mrs. John Tobin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vansant, Misses Anna Stevens, Mary Stevens, Florence Dixon, Helen Stevens, Mary Quinn, Clara Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stevens, Mrs. Eva Sykes, Mrs. Marion Horsey, Mrs. Anna Barnhart, Mrs. Clem Brannigan, Mrs. Ruth Bowman, Miss Marie Vansant, Miss Addie Vansant, Mrs. Mollie Boggs, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Mrs. Clara Bollinger, Miss Lillian Pratt, Newnam Stevens, Richard Feddeman, Scott Roberts, J. B. Anderson, James Griffin, Clarence M. Melvin, Jr., Cooper Dixon, and Lester Kauffman.

Miss Clark is the pretty and attractive daughter of L. Carroll Clark, of Massey, and the late Mrs. Clark She is a grand daughter of Dr. E. G. Clark, of Middletown, Del., and a grand daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Vansant, who for many years were proprietors of the Millington Hotel. She is one of the most charming members of the younger set in Millington, and is popular younger set in Millington, and is pov- with a host of friends.

Mr. Kauffman is a son of C. N. Kauffman, of the Kauffman Construction Company, of Denton. He also is one of hte most popular young business men in Denton.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE DEFEATS LOYOLA

Loyola's basketball team made a great bid for the laurel wreath against the State championship Washington College quint Saturday night at the One Hundred and Fourth Armory, Baltimore, but the visitors were not to be denied and annexed the honors, 35 to 31, although trailing by one point near the close.

The finish of the game had the fans in an uproar, for Mitchell dropped the ball in the basket from the field and with three minutes to go put Coach Scheurholz's team in the lead, 29-28. Loyola started to freeze the ball, but the Maroon team broke it up instantly and in their frantic efforts to hold their advantage the green-jerseyed players offended four times in rapid succession and each resulted in a point for the visitors.

Carroll To Rescue

After the second foul shot had been dropped in the basket by Carrington putting Washington one point to the good, Jack Menton, who was unexpectedly in Loyola's line-up at the start of hostilities, placed the Green team ahead, 31 to 30, again by shooting a basket from the field. Two more over-zealous plays by the locals resulted in two more points being scored for the Maroons by Carrington. A field goal by Carroll, followed by another foul shot by Carroll brought victory to Tom Kibler's invaders with but 10 seconds to play.

Washington started off like it intended to repeat the drubbing handed out to Loyola last season, with Seibcaging the ball five seconds after the opening whistle. The Maroons showed a wonderful brand of floor work, their passing being about the best that has been uncovered here this season.

Menton's appearance in the Loyola line-up was a surprise to the fans and, although he was not in his usual condition, he showed a few flashes of the work that had made him one of the outstanding guards and his presence undoubtedly had a good psychological effect upon his teammates. He played a part of the first half and was replaced by Lyon, and came back again in the last quarter.

Two Fine Forwards.

After the initial rush by the visitors had gotten into full swing the Loyola crew speeded up and by some splendid interference, and perfect passing succeeded in tying up the count at 17-all at half time. Cummings played a splendid game at center, scoring 10 points, but the real basket-shooting star of the fram was Carroll, visiting forward, who missed very few opportunities, scoring 16 points, six field and four out of six foul chances. Carroll and Dumschott bore the brunt of the attack, for Washington's stellar outfit, the latter especially being in the thick of things at all times.

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ORPHANS COURT NOTES

Tuesday, March 2nd, 1926, court met pursuant to adjournment.

Upon a petition by Henrietta M. Willson an order was passed by the court authorizing her as admx. of Theo. B. Willson, to release a certain mortgage, Howard S. Leaverton and wife to Theo. B. Willson dated January 3rd, 1920. Same examined and approved.

Order passed by court rescinding an order of Feb. 23rd, by which a petition was filed to probate an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Gray.

Notice of intention of caveat filed by S. S. Beck, Atty., for heirs of Elizabeth Gray, deceased, filed, examined and approved.

Inventory of personal property of estate of Robert N. Boston, deceased, filed by Herbert E. Perkins, Admr., Pendente Lite. Same examined and approved.

Herbert E. Perkins filed petition for the sale of the stock and household goods for Robert N. Boston, deceased. An order was passed by court authorizing said sale.

First and final Admr, account of Elenore Lusby executrix, estate of H. Clay Lusby, deceased, filed, examined and approved.

Court adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 9th, 1926.

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